TEXT OF POPE FRANCIS’ VIDEO DIARY

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"Sometimes I think that we should put a sign on the door of parishes that says, "Free admission."

Parishes should be close-knit communities, without bureaucracy, people-centred -a place where the gift of the sacraments can be found.

They have to become once again schools of service and generosity, with their doors always open to those who are excluded. And to those included. To all.

Parishes are not a club for the few, which give a certain kind of social belonging.

Please, let us be daring.

Let us all rethink the style of our parochial communities.

Let us pray that parishes, placing communion -communion of people, ecclesial communion- at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, of fraternity and of welcoming the most in need".

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